Experience through Erasmus program 2015

Place-Scotland UK

University-University of Strathclyde

Period- Second semester in 2015

I decided to study abroad with the ERASMUS-program, while I studied the master in IT and IP law at the Leibniz University. I applied at the university of Strathclyde, where I mainly focused on Telecommunication law and Cyber security law.

When I arrived in Glasgow, I was so tired from a long flight and a bit nervous since it was my first time to visit UK. The most impressive thing in Glasgow was the people were really kind and gentle. When I asked about the way to my accommodation, they even tried to show me the way by using their mobile phone. Since they speak English, I had no problems with communicating during my semester abroad. I registered as a sport center member and went over the cold weather in the winter time. The weather in Glasgow was not as bad as expected though. The city center of Glasgow is wonderful and traditional. Furthermore, you can find everything you need without troubles.

In general, the life in Glasgow is very expensive, especially in terms of accommodation. I you decide to move into a shared flat, usually you have to meet your future flat mates in advance. Since I was still in my home country while I was looking for the accommodation, I had some difficulties. As closer you want to live to the campus as more you have to pay for the rent. Therefore I chose to stay at a place, which was around 1 hour away from university. The place was quiet, however it looked sometimes a bit dangerous especially at night. I would say, I spent more than 1000 pounds per a month since I took the taxi when I came home late at night. Except the cost of living, the time in Glasgow was beautiful and impressive for me.

In terms of classes, we had to submit some essays which were around 15 pages. The lectures were really nice however, I needed to review and studied really hard even the classes were held 2 times a week. In addition to this, they have a really good library located close to university. Sometimes I
studied the whole day at the library. Furthermore, I could use some materials which were available as a PDF through the library website. This was a good opportunity to from home.

Sometimes, I had the chance to join other lectures or conference outside of university such as the smart city conference. However, my classes usually took 5 hours and thus; it was hard for me to concentrate. Since I am not from a European country, it was difficult for me to study the detailed structures of the EU legal system.

Although there were many difficulties and new experiences, I am really grateful that I could study in this university in Glasgow. Overall, I would say that my semester abroad in Glasgow was such a beautiful and wonderful experience for me.